

PEACE MOVE ON FOOT

World Has Prominent Names on Its Petition to President McKinley.

TO MEDIATE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Col. Bryan Declines to Sign and Points to the Philippines—Krugger Very Desirous of Arbitration—Cable from the Free State Secretary—Krugger's Position—Also Heard From, Both of Them Unfavorable to Interference.

London, Oct. 6.—In connection with the rumors that the queen is liable to intervene to prevent war with the Transvaal, a curious story is published by a Vienna paper, which alleges she intends to abdicate in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.

London, Oct. 6.—The foreign office pronounces as "supremely ridiculous and utterly baseless" the story that the queen may abdicate.

Pretoria, Oct. 6.—President Krugger, on being interviewed with reference to the rumors of intervention into British territory by burgher forces, said the republic had no intention of acting on the aggressive "unless forced thereto by the military attitude of Great Britain, by massing of troops in the direction of the borders or by the sending of heavy reinforcements from over the sea."

New York, Oct. 6.—Several hundred signatures were added yesterday to the petition to President McKinley urging him to offer his friendly service as mediator between England and the two South African republics—the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The petition was signed by judges of the United States courts, governors of states, the presiding officers of state legislatures, senators, members of the house, eminent ecclesiastical dignitaries, presidents of colleges and other citizens whose standing is of the highest. W. J. Bryan declined to sign the petition because of the attitude of the United States on the Philippine question, although he endorsed the suggestion that the government should question good offices to prevent war.

Bryan Points to the Philippines. Bryan telegraphed to The World last night: "I do not desire to join in the petition to the president on this or any other subject. Our refusal to recognize the right of the Philippines to self-government will embarrass us if we express sympathy with those in other lands who are struggling to follow the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence." Ex-Vice President Adlai Stevenson, ex-Senator John B. Henderson, Representative Grosvenor, Republican leader of the house of representatives, and W. B. Hornblower all endorse the petition to President McKinley.

The World Hears from Krugger. The World yesterday received from the secretary of President Krugger the following dispatch: "General James O'Brien has been appointed commissioner extraordinary to further our interests in America. We wish most earnestly that impartial arbitration may determine the present dispute and prevent war, which will be an outrage against religion and humanity. If war comes we are prepared to maintain our rights to the uttermost, and for that purpose both the republics are mobilizing their entire forces on the borders, as the British troops are already there."

THANKS FROM THE FREE STATE.

Responses to The World from Prominent British Persons.

Simultaneously with the reception of this dispatch came the announcement that Dr. Bosman, the Boer representative in New York, had recommended General James R. O'Brien as Boer commissioner to the United States. It was also announced that Dr. Bosman's recommendation had been accepted. The secretary of the Orange Free State called The World as follows: "I am directed by the president to gratefully acknowledge American sympathy and support of the republican cause here. He favors arbitration, would welcome the mediation of the United States and urges the necessity for speedy action, as our citizen forces are in the field and each day's delay strengthens the opponents and weakens our republic's position."

Premier Schreiner, of the British South African colony of Cape Colony, called The World his cordial endorsement of the petition to President McKinley. The archbishop of Canterbury, in reply to a telegram inviting his opinion as to the acceptability of mediation by President McKinley, telegraphed as follows: "The archbishop of Canterbury has no claim to represent the public opinion of England, but it is clear that Englishmen feel strongly that the mediators are ill-treated and it is our duty to protect them."

Cardinal Logue, of Ireland, replied as follows: "I can give no answer to your question, though I am most anxious for peace." Archbishop Crooke, of Ireland, telegraphed: "Avert war by all honorable means."

The archbishop of York replied: "While earnestly desiring to avoid the horrors of war I do not feel myself qualified to express an opinion as to whether mediation by the United States would be generally acceptable in England."

Rev. Dr. Bosman, Krugger's personal friend and adviser who was in this country attending the Pan-Protestant conference at Washington, received the following from Rev. Transvaal secretary of state: "Kindly communicate to General James R. O'Brien that the government has decided to appoint him its commissioner extraordinary.

and expresses the hope that he will accept the post of mediator. I may add that the dispute has now reached the most acute stage. The forces of this republic have mobilized on the frontier, while those of the Orange Free State are mobilizing and all prospects of a peaceful settlement seem to be vanishing. We are still willing to arbitrate."

NOTHING NEW DEVELOPS.

John Bull and Boer Still Hang on the Ragged Edge of War.

London, Oct. 6.—Nothing important has developed as to the Transvaal situation. The Daily Telegraph's dispatch of yesterday morning announcing that the Boers had invaded Natal and seized Ladysmith's Nek now seems to be without foundation. The government has received nothing to justify the report, although such a move on the part of the Boers would naturally cause little surprise.

The British position in Natal was considerably strengthened by the arrival yesterday of Indian transports with reinforcements of about 2,500 infantry, cavalry and artillery, all of which will be promptly sent to the front by train and with their arrival at Glen Cove and Ladysmith today, Saturday the British advanced camps and lines of communication will be practically safeguarded against the risk of a successful dash across the frontier by the Boers.

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT.

Executive Party Visits Quincy, Peoria and Elmhurst.

Quincy, Oct. 6.—Cannon boomed and bands played as President McKinley alighted from his car at the grounds of the Soldiers' home this morning. Fifteen hundred inmates cheered him enthusiastically. The president shook hands with as many as possible. The party was driven to the city and paraded the principal streets, which were packed with people. The party left at noon for Peoria.

From the stand on which he reviewed the Soldiers' home veterans, the president delivered an address expressing pleasure at meeting the veterans of '61 and of the Spanish war. He declared the United States had never been lacking in gratitude for its soldiers and sailors and that the cause of the United States had never lacked defenders in every crisis in its history. Concluding, he said: "There are responsibilities born of duty that can never be repudiated. Duty unperformed is dishonor. Dishonor brings shame, which is heavier than any burden honor can impose."

Chicago, Oct. 6.—A telegram from Peoria, Ill., says that the first day of the president's trip was passed without an address or speech of any kind and the addresses at the Quincy Soldiers' Home today will mark the opening of the president's tour to the northwest. The largest crowds of the day were at Peoria and Easton. The way the president avoided speaking was by bringing forward and introducing successively the members of the cabinet, each of whom was invariably greeted with much applause.

CONVENTION AT BOSTON.

Massachusetts Republicans Adopt Platform Endorsing Administration.

Boston, Oct. 6.—The republican state convention was held today. The platform favors national legislation for the maintenance of a gold standard; opposes trusts, endorses McKinley's administration throughout, favors the retention of the Philippines, and condemns the lynchings in the south.

Lieut.-Gov. W. M. Crane was nominated for governor, John L. Bates for lieutenant-governor and H. M. Knowlton for attorney general, all by acclamation.

MULES NEARLY ALL LOST.

Steamer Siam Arrives at Manila in Bad Condition.

Manila, Oct. 6.—The steamer Siam, which left San Francisco with over three hundred valuable trained pack mules for use in the coming campaign, arrived here in bad condition. The vessel encountered several typhoons. The mules were hurled from side to side and frightfully mangled. All except 16 were killed.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Blaze in Des Moines—Narrow Escape From Death.

Des Moines, Oct. 6.—The Schmidt-Henry Manufacturing company, furniture makers, suffered a \$50,000 fire loss this morning. Seventy employees barely escaped with their lives.

State Good Roads Convention.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 6.—The state good roads convention opened this morning, nearly every county being represented. Capt. Albert Head, of Jefferson, was chosen president. The committee on permanent organization was appointed. This afternoon E. G. Harrison, government expert, delivered an address on good roads.

Another Boy Kills His Father.

Burlington, Ia., Oct. 6.—Henry Knapp, aged 15, interfered to prevent his father beating his mother last night, when the former turned on him and chased him upstairs. He secured a revolver and shot his father in the right breast. The father is dying and the boy is in custody.

Combine Gets Michigan Salt.

Detroit, Oct. 6.—The Free Press today says: "The National Salt company, of New Jersey, capitalized at \$12,000,000, has secured control of the salt industry of this state, and now has almost absolute control of the salt product of the entire country."

MANY MEN INDICTED.

Twenty-Eight Charged with the Murderous Riot at Carterville.

DOINGS OF THE LABOR FEDERATION

McLean Elected President—Official Organ Selected—Important Decision in a Bankruptcy Case—Documents Sent to Corporations Under the Anti-Trust Law—Case Fails Against a Magnetic Healer—Rock River Conference.

Marion, Ill., Oct. 6.—The grand jury yesterday turned in the first list of indictments against the parties connected with the Carterville riot. Those indicted for murder are: Wesley Shadownes, Lem Shadownes, Charles Shadownes, William Carney, Will Kelly, Elmer James, Mark Walker, John Wallace, Dick Kelley, Robert Hadfield, Frank Grider and Jack Naggle. These names are known, and it is generally understood that there are others whose names are withheld.

Makes Twenty-Eight Men Indicted.

These added to the Lander station parties make twenty-eight men indicted for murder at the present session of the grand jury. The above have been in prison several days, and besides these were Sam Arms, Vince Mulkey, O. A. Shilwell, Morley Shadownes, and James Warren, who were held to await the action of the grand jury and when notified that they were not indicted walked out of the jail to meet with warrants for contempt and were immediately arrested by United States Marshal Dowell, and will be taken to Springfield.

Run in for the Lander Station Murder.

Mike Brown, colored, one of the most suspicious parties connected with the Lander station murder, June 3, was brought from Danville last night. Brown has been identified by numerous witnesses as being connected with the crime. Since the deed was committed he has been at large, but has been run in and has been assigned with others heretofore mentioned to be tried in Johnson county on charge of venue.

BIG LOT OF TRUST AFFIDAVITS.

Thirty Thousand of Them Sent Out to Illinois Corporations.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6.—Secretary of State Rose yesterday mailed to each of the 30,000 corporations in the state an affidavit to be signed and sworn to by the secretary of the corporation to the effect that said corporation is not connected with any trust. The law provides that if the affidavit is not filed with the secretary of state within thirty days of the time the notice is sent out, the delinquent corporation shall be fined \$20 for each day after thirty days and its charter revoked.

Penalty for being connected with any trust is a fine of not exceeding \$500 for the first offense, not less than \$250 nor over \$250 for the second offense, not under \$250 and not exceeding \$5,000 for the third offense, not under \$5,000 nor exceeding \$10,000 for the fourth offense, and \$15,000 fine and imprisonment in jail after the fourth offense. In case affidavits are not filed within thirty days of sending the notice the attorney general is to commence proceedings against the delinquents.

PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION.

Robert E. McLean Elected—Kewanee Gets Best Meeting.

Danville, Ill., Oct. 6.—Robert E. McLean, of Springfield, was elected president of the State Federation of Labor yesterday. Other candidates were the retiring president, Charles Bold, of Chicago; H. Wilson, of Springfield, and George Littlefield, of Kewanee. The convention made the Illinois Tradesman, of Springfield, the official organ of the Federation. The books of the former secretary-treasurer are being investigated by a committee in executive session.

The constitution was amended by providing that five vice presidents be elected; that the per capita tax of half a cent be raised to 1 cent; that the secretary-treasurer give a \$5,000 bond. Kewanee was selected as the place of holding the next meeting, and a third Tuesday in November, 1900. The convention continues in session today.

Important Bankruptcy Decision.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6.—In the United States district court yesterday Judge Allen rendered an important decision involving the entire construction of the bankruptcy act. The case was that of Mrs. Nancy E. Gast, owner of a valuable farm near Girard, Macoupin county, who filed a petition in bankruptcy, scheduling assets \$24,000 and liabilities at \$21,000. Seven holders of mortgages on various parts of the property sought to foreclose, independent of the bankruptcy act. Henry C. Hamilton, trustee of the bankruptcy, asked for leave to sell all the property free and clear of mortgages. Under the old bankruptcy act the mortgages were independent of bankruptcy. Judge Allen in his decision, held that the bankruptcy court had full power over all mortgages and dower interests and that they must go into the bankruptcy court.

New Illinois Insurance Company.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6.—The Illinois Life Insurance company and the Illinois Life association, of Chicago, filed certificates for consolidation under the name of the Illinois Life Insurance company.

Magnetic Healer Acquitted.

Gibson City, Ill., Oct. 6.—In the case of the state board of health vs. Dr. Wakefield, prosecuted some time ago for practicing as a magnetic healer without being licensed, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Rock River Conference.

Rockford, Ill., Oct. 6.—In an executive session lasting two hours the Rock River Methodist conference yesterday excommunicated Rev. Lewis Chris, D. D., of the Western Rock Concern, of the charge of wrongdoing in connection with loaning money belonging to the fund for freedmen's aid. The vote was unanimous.

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GERMANS AGAINST EXPANSION.

Mass Meeting at Des Moines Hears Anti-Expansion Speeches.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 6.—The Germans of Iowa yesterday celebrated in this city the landing of the first German colonists in America, in October, 1838. In the afternoon a meeting was held at the Auditorium, attended by about 1,500 prominent people from all parts of the state. Colonel Joseph Ethelred presided, and in his speech denounced the policy of imperialism and conquest, against which he said every German as a lover of political and personal liberty must be arrayed.

Hon. Gustav Landahl, of Rock Island, declared that the Germans are the only real Anglo-Saxons. He denounced alliances with Great Britain and protested against the policy of subjecting the Philippines to a government against which they protest.

FRESHIES WERE DUCKED.

Break at a Foot Ball Game That May Have Serious Results.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 6.—Fifty or sixty students of the Wisconsin university took an unwelcome bath in the chilled waters of Lake Mendota yesterday afternoon. The foot ball practice, which was held at Camp Randall and the students gathered on the lower campus several hundred strong. The freshmen and sophomores and soon there was a yell of "into the lake." The sophs stationed a squad of freshmen from shore and several other squads gathered in unlucky freshmen and passed them along into the water.

The sophs were many of them, ducked, but the newcomers fared the worse. The freshmen were so cold, as President Adams a few days ago warned the students that any general interference with the personal liberty of any student by another would subject those taking part to expulsion.

Mother and Child Badly Burned.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Ellen Banzinski, 23 Johnson street, and her daughter Sadie, 4 years old, were severely burned yesterday in an effort to save her child. The mother was hanging clothes in the yard in the rear of her home, leaving the child in the house in company with a playmate, when the little one in some way set herself on fire.

Middle-of-the-Road Platform.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 6.—The state committee of the middle-of-the-road Populists met yesterday and adopted the following: "That we accept and reaffirm the Omaha platform; that it is the initiative and referendum embody all the essential measures now proposed by progressive political action."

Proposed Forestry Reservation.

Milwaukee, Oct. 6.—Representative Orsen, who has just returned from a commission given by the Minnesota Forestry association to the proposed national forestry reservation in the northern part of the state, is not enthusiastically in favor of the proposed reservation, because of doubt as to its cost.

Strike at West Superior.

West Superior, Wis., Oct. 6.—The Eastern company brought 150 men from Minneapolis to break the strike of the miners yesterday. The strikers met them, and as a result only twenty-three would work. There are 600 men now out and little freight is being loaded. The strikers are quiet.

New Way of Making Money.

London, Oct. 6.—According to The Metropolitan correspondent of The Times, the discovery has been made there that a syndicate exists which has been insuring the lives of poor people and murdering them in order to collect the insurance money.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Thursday, Oct. 19, will be observed as Thanksgiving day in the Dominion of Canada.

The annual convention of the American Bottlers' Protective association closed at Cincinnati.

Jimmy Leque, the notorious bank robber, died in the county almshouse at Philadelphia, aged 62 years.

Fifteen men missing from the steamer Bay State, ashore near Cape Race, Nfld., were rescued by a tug boat.

Adam Lukautsch, an iron importer at Chicago, has been seized with robbery.

William Jackson, a young man of Lacrosse, Wis., while out hunting accidentally discharged his gun and shot off one arm.

The Oshkosh plant of the Wisconsin Grass Twine company will use this year 2,000 tons of marsh grass all cut in Wisconsin.

William Cuniff, 22 years of age, leaped from the roof of a six-story building on State street, Chicago, and was killed instantly.

A 7-year-old son of Mrs. Thomas Paynter at South Lima, Wis., is in a critical condition from having swallowed some diluted sulphuric acid.

In the report of the historical committee at the state Baptist convention it was shown that there are 269 Baptist churches in Wisconsin.

Three Cuban generals, Miro and Sanchez, have published their intention, if the Americans do not immediately evacuate the islands to start a revolution.

John Becker hanged himself in a washed-in-2 of his daughter's house at Chicago. He had been sick for two years and was despondent. He was 65 years old.

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